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CLC, CIO Council Merge In Two Years If Pact Wins

REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

AFL-CIO REUNION

Announcement last week that negotiating committees for AFL and CIO have agreed on a merger of the two big federations was considered good news by probably the vast majority of people in both groups.

Assuming that the intervening obstacles to actual official merger are surmounted, what then?

Well, it won't mean that the millennium is at hand, although it certainly will mean that a breach long considered out of date by many of us has been healed on the surface, at least.

Under the surface, though, and occasionally erupting above it, many of the old feuds and divisions will continue to exist.

TWO MAIN ATTITUDES

It might be a good thing if some of these differences were brought out more clearly into the open, and the struggle between them taken for granted as part of the process of democracy within trade unionism.

Leaving aside the routine human maneuvering for positions of power and prominence which may even rage with increased heat for a time after the merger, the essential struggle is between conservatives and progressives.

Conservatives wish to hang on to old methods, old structures, old slogans, no matter what new developments there are in industry, in politics, and in social conditions. Progressives wish to adopt new tactics to meet immediate situations arising from these great changes, and to move over new strategies to meet the deep shifts in still more fundamental and far-reaching fashion.

MEANY AND REUTHER

Both AFL's George Meany and CIO's Reuther have proved themselves progressives by getting together despite all obstacles and pushing hard on this merger project until now it seems upon the verge of realization.

If those two, with such strikingly different backgrounds and methods of approach can get together and stick together, some of the rest of us in the labor movement ought to be able to shake some of the dead timber out of our wooden heads.

Send in Early For Short Week

Contributors are reminded that next week is a short one, due to Washington's Birthday, Tuesday, February 22.

So get your columns in early—but not later than Monday morning at 9 a.m. if you possibly can make it.

Summerfield Gets Veto Shotgun Out

Postmaster General Summerfield has told the Senate Civil Service and Post Office Committee that if Congress votes more than the 5 percent pay boost for postal workers recommended by the Administration he might advise the President to veto the measure. The President vetoed last year's postal pay bill.

The Administration bill is coupled with a postal rate increase rejected last year by Congress.

Congressman James H. Morrison (D., La.) has introduced a bill calling for a 10% pay increase, or \$400 a year, whichever is larger.

Women to Hear Geiger

J. C. Geiger, Oakland's Public Health Officer, will be speaker at a workshop meeting of the League of Women Voters of Oakland, Wednesday, February 23, at the Sanborn Park Clubhouse, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue, starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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AFL-CIO MERGER-MAKERS. These are the subcommittees of the AFL and CIO which agreed to merge their rival unions into a single powerful federation. Standing (left to right) are: David J. McDonald, CIO; Harry C. Bates, AFL; William F. Schnitzler, AFL; and James B. Carey, CIO. Seated (left to right) are: AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter Reuther.

Here Are the 20 Main Points Of AFL-CIO Merger Agreement

Following are the 20 essential points of the AFL-CIO Merger Agreement, the complete text of which is published by the AFL News-Reporter in its issue of February 11:

1—Each organization now holding a charter with either the AFL or CIO becomes an affiliate of the merged federation.

2—Each organization shall hold to its prior jurisdiction.

3—Where conflicts over jurisdiction arise, "affiliates of the merged federation will be encouraged to eliminate conflicts and duplications through the process of agreement, merger, or other means, by voluntary agreement in consultation with the appropriate officials of the merged federation."

4—"Both craft and industrial unions are appropriate, equal, and necessary as methods of trade union organization."

5—Recognition of "the right of all workers, without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin, to share in the full benefits of trade union organization... effective implementation of this principle of nondiscrimination."

6—Appropriate internal machinery to "keep the merged federation free from any taint or corruption or Communism."

7—A department to be known as the Council of Industrial Organizations, "open to all industrial unions," to have the same status as the existing AFL departments.

8—Executive officers of merged federation to be a president and secretary-treasurer, initially from the AFL.

9—"Initially, the Director of Organization shall be selected from the CIO, by the president of the merged federation, with the advice of the Executive Council.

10—The convention of the merged federation, to "meet regularly every two years," to be its supreme governing body.

11—The Executive Council shall consist of 27 vice presidents, and at the first convention of the merged federation, 17 will be elected from the AFL and 10 from the CIO.

12—The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, secretary-treasurer and 6 vice presidents to be selected by the Executive Council; initially, 3 of these vice presidents from the AFL, 3 from the CIO.

13—The General Board shall consist of the Executive Council and the president or principal officer of each of the national or international unions affiliated with the merged federation.

14—Standing committees are to be set up, with due recognition of both AFL and CIO in determining the chairmanships and staffing.

15—The merged federation succeeds to all the assets of the AFL and assumes all its contractual obligations and liabilities. Part of the CIO assets goes to the merged federation as a whole, and part to the Council of Industrial Organizations to be established within the merged federation as a department.

16—Per capita tax 4 cents a month for national and international unions and organizing committees; not less than 80 cents for federal labor unions. The Council of Industrial Organizations, acting as a department of the merged federation, shall establish its own per capita tax, as shall all other departments.

17—Existing no-raiding agreements to remain in effect.

18—Following approval of merger pact by executive groups of AFL and CIO, the joint AFL-CIO Unity Committee shall draft a proposed constitution for the merged federation to be submitted to the executive groups of AFL and CIO; upon their approval, separate conventions of AFL and CIO shall pass on proposed constitution; if they approve, then a joint convention of AFL and CIO, which "shall constitute the first regular biennial convention of the merged federation."

19—Initially, the headquarters of the AFL and field staff members shall be retained; with an overhauling later into an integrated staff.

20—Merger of existing State and local central bodies to be accomplished within two years; meanwhile they'll function as is.

Print Specialties 382 Elect 6 to Exec Board

Members of Printing Specialties 382 elected 6 Executive Board members and 2 Central Labor Council delegates at a union election held on Friday, February 11.

Elected to the Executive Board were Eileen Anderson, Gordon Bennington, Dick Clark, Ray Geiger, Henry Ruff and Robert Williams.

Elected as CLC delegates were Ray Geiger and Charles Wyckoff.

Culinary 31 Dinner

Culinary Workers Alliance 31 held its annual dinner for union executive board members and committee members last Friday at the Zombie Village.

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UC Wage Cut Turned Down By BTC Vote

A special building trades committee of union business agents, representing members employed at the University of California, voted unanimously this week to reject a UC proposal urging an 11% wage cut for all new university employees.

After turning down the university's proposal, the committee then recommended to the Building Trades Council on Tuesday that the council take similar action. The council unanimously concurred in the committee's recommendation and a letter explaining the council's action is now being readied by Business Representative J. L. Chidlers for presentation to U. C. officials.

Last Spring the university residents precipitated a week-long building trades strike on the which he had withdrawn when ordered a similar wage cut for him to act as business representative to all new employees. The wage cut was rescinded as a result of that strike.

SLUM CLEARANCE

Childers reported that encouraging progress is being made on the local urban renewal front, better known among labor people as Oakland's slum clearance project.

He credited City Manager Wayne Thompson with "doing a good job" of pushing the program along.

"The city manager," said Childers, "has not only promised to add 15 inspectors to the present inspection team now checking the slum areas, but he has already officially condemned two rickety apartment buildings as unfit for human occupancy."

Negotiating committees agreed to the merger in advance of a meeting of the AFL Executive Council which took place here, and a meeting of the CIO Executive Board at a time and place to be determined. Procedure will be for the merger to come before the conventions of both organizations this fall. If approved, a joint convention will follow.

The agreement to end the 20-year split was reached by two three-member subcommittees, and then brought before ten-member committees of each organization. On the subcommittee were George Meany, William Schnitzler, Harry C. Bates for the AFL; Walter Reuther, James B. Carey, and David J. McDonald for the CIO.

The agreement of the merger was nine pages long.

25% ORGANIZED

According to press service reports AFL President George Meany when asked what he thought of an NAM statement that the reunited 15,000,000 member labor group might constitute a "dangerous labor monopoly," replied:

"We represent only a minority of workers. There are more than 60,000,000 workers in this country and we've organized less than 25% of them."

Major organizing drives to follow the official consummation of the merger were mentioned by both AFL and CIO leaders.

"The white collar worker or office worker should be given the same opportunity to build up working conditions through unions" which other workers have had, said Meany.

BECK'S ATTITUDE

The New York Times reported that Dave Beck, president of the Teamsters, "the only potential holdout against labor unity" climbed on the bandwagon.

But, continued the New York paper, "the head of the nation's biggest union made it plain, however, that he would oppose any attempt to put mandatory curbs on inter-union raiding in the constitution of the merged organization."

The AFL Executive Council gave unanimous approval to the unification pact agreed on by the negotiating committees for the AFL and CIO. The CIO Executive Board is scheduled to ratify the merger plan in Washington on February 24.

In Washington, John L. Lewis, president of the now independent United Mine Workers, which has belonged to both CIO and AFL, declined comment on the merger. He was the first president of the CIO, and his union treasury it was which dug up the money for much of the organizing work of what was at first simply the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The AFL legislative program will be considered bill by bill. The Legislature will resume sessions February 28.

CLC Secretaries Will Attend Laws Conference

On motion of Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, the Central Labor Council voted this week to send Secretary Robert S. Ash and Assistant Secretary W. P. Fee to the legislative conference called by State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty for 1 p.m. March 4, in the Musicians Union building 230 Jones street, San Francisco.

Geldert reported that the funeral was the largest ever held in Milwaukee and that the city's florists were completely sold out.

Brother Cooper, who made his last appearance in the Bay Area

No CLC or BTC Meets Next Week

There will be no meeting of the Central Labor Council nor of the Building Trades Council next week, as the CLC meeting would fall on the evening before, and the BTC one directly on, Washington's Birthday.

Elton Bovey Wins Newsdrivers' Vote To Succeed Clancy

Elton Bovey succeeds the late Edwin A. Clancy as business representative of Newspaper, Magazine & Periodical Circulators & Drivers Local 98.

This was decided at a hotly contested election February 9, with Bovey getting 110 votes, Joe Sohm 99, and Paul Watts 7.

Post, who has the backing of powerful reactionary interests in the State Senate, wants to cut out any pay raise for State employees.

Also, he would eliminate almost anything that would cost money which would move in the direction of making prisons and mental hospitals places where rehabilitation rather than crime-breeding or stagnation would be developed.

NO HELP FOR HELPLESS

Thus Post would turn down money for an addition to the Langley Porter Clinic in San Francisco, a famous center for mental rehabilitation, would

deny State Director of Mental Hygiene Walter Rappaport requested funds for psychiatric work, and would eliminate the medical technical assistants sought to provide better supervision over mentally disturbed inmates in the San Quentin psychiatric ward.

Bovey worked for years with the Post Enquirer here. When that paper folded, he was with a San Francisco paper for a time, and then went to the Oakland Tribune.

Clancy died suddenly January 1. He was a member of the executive committee of the Central Labor Council and for some years co-delegate with Secretary Robert S. Ash of the CLC to the State Federation of Labor conventions.

Paint Makers May Have to Walk Out

Paint Makers 1101 may find it necessary to strike factories in the East Bay for which United Employers, Inc., is negotiating. Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash reported this week.

Ash said he and other members of a CLC executive committee group had sat in on the negotiations Representative Jack Kopke has been conducting for the union with United Employers. The employers refuse to arbitrate.

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HOW TO BUY**Buying Questions Answered**By SYDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

TELEVISION SETS: "Am interested in a television set. One company has a cheaper set with side controls. Are there others?" —W. B. W., Selma, N. C.

Answer: There is an increasing number of such table models with side controls, some of them selling at net prices (after discount) of not much more than \$100 for the 17-inch size. (Among the lowest-priced of the sets with side controls are Emerson and Sears Roebuck's own brand.) There is nothing wrong with side controls, although some people consider them not as convenient. Putting the controls on the side enables the manufacturer to use a smaller cabinet and simplify the internal structure so the set is easier to build. However, while some of the lower-priced sets are satisfactory in good reception areas, they may be simplified a little too much in other respects for fringe and other difficult-reception areas.

Some moderate-price sets do not have the cascade tuner, which provides more gain for neighborhoods where sensitive reception is required. Some Television experts also say the cascade tuner generally needs least servicing and is easier to convert to UHF channels, which may or may not be needed in your own area. Also, some of the low-cost sets are made with the filaments in a series so that there is more danger of shorts which may effect tubes and other components. This arrangement sometimes also adds to the serviceman's time in locating the source of trouble. Sets with heater transformers, which may cost about \$10 more, eliminate some of these service difficulties.

Chain ownerships which fought in court to prevent managing clerks in stores from belonging to the Clerks Union are now demanding in San Francisco that these managing clerks be allowed to do any work the ownership orders. The union is insisting that if ownership wishes to treat managing clerks as high and mighty non-union managerial personnel, then let them stick to managing, and leave the work to the clerks.

Picketing Widened By Grocery Clerks

San Francisco Grocery Clerks

648 this week extended picketing to big holdout markets in the fight for better pay and working conditions, with many of the employing grocers already signed up. Today (Friday) the struggle enters its 15th day.

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Assembly Bill 3724, introduced by Assemblyman Charles W. Meyers (D., San Francisco) would give free to "abutting property owners" some three square blocks of submerged tidal lands under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco State Harbor Board.

One of the "abutting property owners" is none other than Ward G. Walkup, president of the State Harbor Board.

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By EDITH MCCONN

A FEW DAYS AGO, the pa-

pers carried a story about a 15-year-old Shafter boy who had just completed a course in "hunter safety," shooting and killing himself with a rifle.

One of the slogans of this course is "Treat every gun as though it were loaded."

Ronnie Dee Turner had been termed by his instructor, Richard Scott, "a competent and prudent handler of guns."

So one day Ronnie picked up a 22 rifle and said to a chum: "I wonder if I have guts enough to see if it loaded."

It was! Though Ronnie probably never knew.

The question is what does "competent and prudent" mean when applied to a 13-year-old?

Children younger even than this can master the mechanics of handling a gun or other dangerous instruments. They can learn all the rules of safety. They can fool some adults into thinking they really ARE prudent and competent.

The really "competent and prudent" adult, however, knows that a child, however clever or talented, is still a child.

He lacks that basic experience in living which provides him with that faculty we call "judgment." Even rather dull grown-ups get some of this bumped into them in the course of years.

Perhaps we need more "competent and prudent" adults to come to it that children no matter how clever their little hands or minds, not be given dangerous weapons, such as guns and automobiles.

The second offer, upon which the purchase was predicated, was that I sign a five-year contract for \$125,000 to aid in getting the Daily News circulation for the Mirror and that I write a column in the Mirror once a week."

At \$500 a column, McKinnon ranks as one of the nation's highest-paid writers.

Labor's Daily adds:

"Editorial, circulation and mechanical employees of the News received only one, or in certain cases, two weeks in back wages for work actually done.

"In contrast to the \$25,000-a-

year one-column-a-week job re-

ceived by McKinnon is the

plight of hundreds of News ex-

employees who are jobless.

"Employees' vacation, dismis-

sion and severance pay amounting to \$800,000 remains unpaid.

What portion of the money due will be paid is to be decided by the bankruptcy court.

"Remaining assets of the

Daily News total about \$900,000,

with liabilities estimated at

about \$4,000,000."

Hearings in the bankruptcy

proceedings were recessed for

a time and resumed this week.

With City of Hope Bay Area auxiliary chapter members as salesmen, the Fair will offer new merchandise ranging from women's apparel to electrical appliances—all at reduced prices.

The merchandise is being pro-

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Steamfitters Get Report on Safety

By JIM MARTIN

The Fifth Statewide California Safety Conference was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on February 3 and 4.

The following figures were presented to nearly 1500 representatives of labor, management and government:

Half a million California workers are injured at work each year, according to a 5-year average. Of this number, more than 140,000 are disabled—that is, unable to report for work the day after they are injured, and more than 750 of them die from their injuries. Every 14 seconds of each day a California worker is injured on the job. Every minute a Californian is disabled in an on-the-job accident, and every working day of the year three workers die in industrial accidents.

The statistics presented by the Research Division of the Department of Industrial Relations, also show a steady decline in the disabling injury rate which reached a record low in 1954 of 34 disabling injuries per 1000 workers.

In a speech opening the two-day conference, Governor Goodwin Knight of California said work injuries and deaths lost almost \$500,000,000 each year in time lost, insurance costs and damage to material equipment.

"These figures," Governor Knight said, "omit the most important part of the story, for no figure can describe the pain and suffering of those injured, the grief and loss to those who lose their life's companion through industrial accidents."

He praised labor and management for their help and progress, in the prevention of work injuries and deaths, and said the State Division of Industrial Safety had laid the basic framework on which the safety structure must be built.

Governor Knight presented the retiring Director of Industrial Relations, Paul Scharrenberg, with a scroll—in recognition of 25 years of faithful and devoted service to California. Ernest B. Webb presided as chairman of the conference. Thomas L. Pitts, President of the State Federation of Labor, also addressed the delegates and thanked the department for the progress and cooperation the past year.

The intent of the conference is to bring together responsible leaders of labor and management and create a mutually harmonious relationship between these groups with the aim of reducing industrial injuries throughout the State of California.

Of the 61 specific safety recommendations suggested at last year's conference, it was reported that action was completed on 27, with 17 others in the process of being completed, and an additional 7 still being worked on, and only 10 recommendations failing to get any action.

This year's conference also provided panels covering the various construction crafts, whereby a more thorough study could be given to the individual crafts.

The report of the Southern and Northern Committees and their many recommendations were approved by the delegates. These Southern and Northern Committees represent both labor and employers.

Ten safety meetings were held by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Governmental Agencies Section since last year's conference was made. A total of 282 persons attended these meetings, an average of 28 persons a meeting. Subjects discussed were varied in scope.

The Northern Committee reported progress, and has under preparation accident prevention material and a contest program (based on that of the National Safety Council,) which will be fraud.

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Hayward Painters 1178

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Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters 342

At the Special Called meeting held on February 3, 1955, the membership voted to adopt the Resolution pertaining to an increase in dues. Effective March 1, 1955 the dues for all members will be increased \$1.00 per month.

Washington's Birthday, February 22, is a building trades holiday in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties for members of this union.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Business Manager

Painters 127

All members of Painters Local Union No. 127 are hereby notified that a special meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, at 8 p.m. in the regular meeting hall, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. Purpose of this meeting will be to elect an additional business representative.

The increase in dues from \$3.00 per month to \$4.00 per month effective January 1, 1955 will permit this additional representative to more fully cover the territory under the local's jurisdiction and will provide better service to the brothers.

Any other special business to come before the meeting will be acted upon and all brothers are urged to attend.

Fraternally,
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Recording Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216

Death Assessment No. 370 is now due and payable. Brother W. P. Martin, No. 117389, a member of Local Union No. 283, Stockton, passed away on December 15, 1954.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

Plasterers 112

There will be no work for members of this Local on Tuesday, February 22, (Washington's Birthday) due to the fact that Hod Carriers Local 166 was unable to contact its employers in regard to making this day a work holiday.

Remember: February 22 will be observed by this Local as a regular holiday.

Fraternally,
GEORGE WHITTON,
Secretary-Treasurer

San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at Mechanics Hall, Labor Temple, San Francisco, California, on Sunday afternoon, February 20, 1955, at 1:00 o'clock.

Yours fraternally,
HORACE STAFFORD,
Secretary

Strokes of the Brush From Local No. 127

Painters Mourn Old-Timer's Death

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

We regret to report the death of another one of our old timers. Brother H. M. Petersen, a member since 1936, passed away on February 13 at Kaiser Hospital. We do not as yet know the exact cause of death. However, when we visited him on Friday afternoon his physician told us he had a mild stroke with the possibility of cerebral hemorrhage. The officers and members of Local 127 extend their deepest sympathies to the family of our departed brother.

The prediction current in labor circles is that Knight's chances of getting another endorsement for him and his Director of Employment William Burkett are decreased rather than increased if the merger takes place in California.

Burkett Is Called 'Police State' Man

The San Diego Labor Leader, published by the Central Labor Council of that city, in its February 1 issue says editorially:

"A virtual police state is in the making within the Government of California. With the ascendancy of William A. Burkett to the post of Director of the State Department of Employment, this department, created by law to aid the working people of the State, has been converted into an agency AGAINST the very people it is supposed to help."

The Labor Leader declares that Burkett's policy is: Treat every claim for unemployment compensation as a case of

fraud."

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Theater Union in New Pact Talks

By JOE CONNELLY

Our contracts with various moving picture theaters of Alameda County and parts of Contra Costa County expire the end of this month.

A preliminary meeting has already been held by the officers of this local and those of Local B-66, Sacramento and B-18, San Francisco to draw up a proposed agreement.

Inasmuch as working conditions and wage scales are standardized in all three locals, they are negotiating with representatives of the employers in a body.

Beside projected increases in the wage scales, the committee is seeking to improve the vacation clause, and other working conditions.

Employer representatives are currently meeting with other crafts, and have promised an early meeting, as soon as feasible after the other negotiations have been completed.

In view of this fact and the limited time element the first item on the agenda is to seek a clause providing for all increases to be retroactive to March 1st.

The five man committee named by the employers include Joseph Touhy (no relation to Roger) labor relations representative of Fox West Coast Theaters, and James Runte, Northern California Division Manager of the same company, Vern Taylor, attorney, representing United California Theaters (Golden State and United Artists in this locality), Ben Levin and Roy Cooper independent operators. With the exception of Runte, the others have been on previous management committees, affecting this local's negotiations.

Labor representatives are William P. Sutherland, secretary-treasurer of the State Theatrical Federation and Business Manager of Local B-18, San Francisco; Al Maass, president of Local B-18; Harry Flinks, business manager of Local B-66 which includes Sacramento, Stockton and Lodi. The balance of the committee is composed of Joe Connolly, business manager of our local, and Past President Fred Miller, also of B-82.

Up and down the aisle . . . Alice Burdick of the Paramount celebrating her 21st birthday last Monday . . . Bob Bartelson an employee of the Globe as assistant manager, followed shortly by Manager John Russell. Andy Marinello is the new manager pro-tem, having moved over from the Fox-Oakland. Gloria Nufer McComb is temporarily acting as his assistant . . . The final union meeting of the month is scheduled for the 4th Saturday (26th) at 10 a.m.

Work is still slow with some of the brothers unemployed, however we look for things to pick up and should have everybody back on the job within the next few weeks. Of course a lot will depend on the weather.

See you next week.

Two Bits Will Finance Wage Rise for Barbers

Haircut prices in union barbershops in Alameda county and parts of Contra Costa county will go up to \$1.75 starting on Tuesday, March 15.

The 25 cents increase was approved by members of AFL Barbers 134 in a secret ballot vote taken on Monday evening.

C. A. Silva, Local 134 secretary-treasurer, reported that the union had voted the raise in order to boost the hourly wage of union barbers from the present \$1.47 to \$1.67. Silva added that the barbers received their last pay raise in 1951.

EMPLOYMENT in California in manufacturing this January was 10,600 below December and 1300 less than January a year ago. Director of Industrial Relations Ernest B. Webb announces.

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Face March Court Case

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We have just received word from our attorney that the court case that John Carbone has against the union has been set for March 22nd. This should be sufficient evidence for any watchmaker who had any doubts or questions relative to the objectives of Carbone and the people who are supporting him as to their attempt to break down the standards and ethics established by the union, as well as the union itself, if possible.

As we previously told you, we have defeated two of Carbone's attempts to have the picket line removed and we are positive we are going to win the third case.

If it is not for the reason of breaking down the union's conditions, why should any watchmaker, or watchmakers, pay attorney fees and court costs which far exceed the small monthly dues that is paid by members of the union?

We shall keep on picketing until we prove to Carbone and any other watchmaker that legally we are within our rights to protect the standards and ethics that we have adopted.

BLOOD NEEDED

Some of the members who have been in the organization for a number of years will certainly remember William Kiel who worked on Columbus Avenue before going to Granat Bros. a number of years ago.

A few years back, Bill retired and went on Social Security, however, in the last year, a great deal of hardship has overtaken him and his family.

Heretofore Bill has always been ready to help the union on any occasion, and is now, and I must add, for the first time, asking the members of the union for help.

His wife has been hospital confined for a number of months and is in need of another operation. The family has exhausted their means of supplying blood, which is at this time desperately needed.

Six to eight pints of blood is needed and any member who feels able to assist Bill in this manner can do so by telephoning Oxford 7-4034 which is the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank, 1791 El Camino Real, Burlingame and arrange for an appointment. Appointments may be made between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday, or 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday and Saturday.

Please ask that credit be given to Mrs. William Kiel in the San Mateo County Hospital.

SAN FRANCISCO MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m.—Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco.

KAIER FOUNDATION has signed a new contract with AFL Hospital and Institutional Workers 250 providing for a 5-cent hourly increase for some 750 workers.

IAM Auxiliary 97 Installs Officers

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Correspondent IAM Ladies Auxiliary No. 97

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EDITORIALS

AFL Press Silent While Goody Presses Tax-Labor-Most Plan

Ten days from the date of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal the Legislature will reconvene and decide whether or not the working people of this State are going to pay the bulk of the tax increases made necessary by the phenomenal growth of California.

Yet big as the issue is, still bigger is the general silence of the AFL press in California. Is it possible that because Goody Knight for some reason or other got an endorsement he did not deserve, for no reason at all the AFL press throughout the State is expected to remain bound and gagged while working people get a beating on taxation which they certainly do not deserve?

Consider the difference between what is happening in California, where a reactionary Republican Governor constructs the budget, and New York State, where a liberal Democratic Governor with the deserved backing of organized labor does the work.

The two budgets are roughly the same in size: California, \$1,529,768,426; New York, \$1,345,200,000. Both Governors declare they face big deficits unless new or additional taxes are imposed. But the approach of the two Governors is diametrically different. The reactionary Governor of California proposes nothing but sales taxes in one form or another, so that those least able to pay will have to pay still more heavily; the liberal Governor of New York proposes the great bulk of the new money be raised—hold your breath—FROM THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE MONEY.

And don't forget another thing which East Bay Labor Journal has repeatedly pointed out—and we're the only AFL paper in the State that has done so!—in this State more than 60% of the total revenue for the State Government comes from sales taxes, and only a measly 17% from personal and corporate income taxes; while in New York even before Governor Harriman came into office 51.3% of the State's revenue comes from personal and corporate income taxes.

Part of the headline the New York Times ran on the liberal Governor's tax proposals was: "Higher Rate on Profits Sought—Opponents are Stunned." You know, of course, who the opponents mentioned are: they'd just love to live in California, where there's no danger of there ever being stunned by Goody. But why weren't we of labor stunned when the reactionary Knight struck US a terrific blow with his scheme for loading more sales taxes on us. Why didn't our AFL press throughout the State raise the roof?

Here's the New York Times (issue of February 2, page 1, column 1) report of the liberal New York Governor's proposal:

"...he would increase the corporate franchise tax yield by \$17,000,000, or 11.5%. He asked that the rate be advanced from 5½% to 6% and that certain credits be removed... corporate franchise increases would be in addition to restoring the full 'normal' rate on the personal income tax, effective April 15, and setting the unincorporated business tax at 4 instead of 3 percent, the rate in effect since 1947."

Meanwhile, in California the reactionary Administration is not only carefully avoiding the "stunning" of the big interests, but is cooperating with them to build up a vast barrage of publicity against unemployment insurance, and has introduced 77 bills through the legislature's chief labor-hater, Assemblyman Levering, to chisel down the number of persons eligible to eat for 26 weeks when out of work.

There's nothing in this to be surprised at. That's the kind of a reactionary Knight is. But isn't a labor man, and even a labor paper, permitted to be surprised that the AFL in California has evidently decided to lie down and take unfair taxation without a murmur? Or are we wrong? Are Hearst, Chandler, and Goody now supposed to set the tone of our labor press?

SELF RESPECT
The President's concern for the self-respect of the individual does him credit. In America that self-respect and initiative has been far more seriously paralyzed by private monopolies and by Eisenhower's own loyalty and security program in Government service than by any proposals made or carried out by New Dealers or Democratic Socialists.—Norman Thomas.

IKE'S IDEAL WAGE
President Eisenhower believes that 90 cents an hour is enough for millions of underpaid workers... Labor is united for \$1.25 an hour as a minimum and this can be justified when we consider what has happened to the dollar and to living costs since the 75 cents an hour became effective.—The Challenger, published by AFL Textile Workers.

TEACHERS PAY
Take-home pay for the beginning unmarried teacher (in New York City) can be as little as \$2,417 a year, or \$46 a week, after federal tax and pension deductions. The United States Labor Department has just reported that in December the average factory worker with no dependents had take-home pay of \$61.36 a week after deductions.—New York Times.

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Spring is just around the corner. And well it might be, judging from the numbers of men of all crafts waiting for a call in the Hiring Hall these past few weeks.—Sacramento Union Labor Bulletin.

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Meany Scoffs NAM Charge Merger Is Monopoly of Labor

(Continued from Page 1)
the American Federation of Labor and later became the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

LEWIS AND GREEN

It was around the figure of the redoubtable John L. that much of the battling centered in those stormy days which came to a head in the AFL convention in San Francisco in 1934.

William Green, then AFL president, said of Lewis:

"In the midst of our common effort to better the welfare of all workers, came forth a man who sought other ends. Consumed with personal ambition, he gave the lie to the democratic process after it had rejected his leadership. He raised the voice of dualism and disunity, a voice which while pretending to unite sought to disrupt; voice which while proclaiming democratic ideals sought dictatorship."

Lewis in reply was, as usual, concise, savage, polysyllabic in his key words:

"Alas, poor Green! I knew him well. He wishes me to join him in fluttering procrustine."

ASH'S PROPHECY

But with Lewis removed from the scene by the suiks, and Green and Philip Murray, Lewis' immediate successor as AFL head, gone the way of all mortals, George Meany and Reuther were able to meet in a calmer spirit and restore unity to what Green, ever a powerful orator, so often called "the House of Labor."

Several years ago Robert S. Ash, while Green was still president, but Meany had become secretary of the AFL, came back from a special conference in Washington with the report that it looked as though Meany was working powerfully for the reunion of the great labor groups which is finally on the verge of completion.

"Independence, carried too far, becomes insolence; company loyalty, carried too far, becomes subservience. There should be a compromise of mutual respect and understanding."

That's good straightforward talk. The man who wrote it is obviously hitting, in a kindly, sensible way, at some bad practices he's seen growing up among some few people who think their union should protect them if they loaf on the job, or get cocky with the boss for no good reason.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

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OAKLAND DEADLINE: You must register by Thursday, February 24 in order to be eligible to vote in the April 19 primary election.

There won't be any deputy registrars around so you'll have to register either at City Hall or the County Courthouse.

We are told the employer alone contributes to the insurance fund and the employee pays nothing. It should be pointed out that if the employee did not work and earn the money paid to him the employer would not have to pay any tax. The cost of hiring anyone depends on the wages paid, plus the percentage of unemployment premium etc. Obviously unemployment contributions are a part of wages regardless of who is paying them to whom.

If the enormous sums of money paid out in fraudulent claims, I for one do not feel apathetic. The responsible officials should be removed and someone put in who is able to detect fraud before it goes as high as 47 percent or even 17 percent.

HERMAN J. BURGER,
San Leandro

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Steamfit Senator For Israel Bonds

Vern Stambaugh, Carmen 192, warned the Central Labor Council this week that one bill of the four which have been introduced in the Legislature affecting Bay Area transit provides that there shall be no strikes on public transit lines.

"This bill was introduced," said Stambaugh, "by Assemblyman S. C. Masterson, Democrat, of Contra Costa county, whom labor supported in the last election."

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